

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2475–S2510

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 669–691, and S. Res. 94. **Pages S2500–01**

Measures Passed:

United States and the Kingdom of Thailand Diplomatic Relations: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 77, expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2508**

Sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. *Thresher* (SSN 593). **Page S2508**

Measures Considered:

Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 649, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale. **Pages S2475–78, S2482–92**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 11, 2013.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, and the next hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first half controlled by the Republicans and the second half controlled by the Majority.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 93), Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S2478–82, S2510**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2015.

Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2017.

Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2018.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S2509–10**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2496, S2508**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—93) **Pages S2481–82**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense programs and policies with respect to emerging counterterrorism threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Derek H. Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities, and Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

STATE OF RURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of rural communications, after receiving testimony from John Strode, Ritter Communications, Jonesboro, Arkansas, on behalf of NTCA—The Rural Broadcast Association; Steve Davis, CenturyLink, Denver, Colorado; Patricia Jo Boyers, BOYCOM Cablevision, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, on behalf of the American Cable Association; and LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., United States Cellular Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of

Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Jeff Bingaman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, and Representative Cantor, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine current issues in campaign finance law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Mythili Raman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Patricia Haynes, Deputy Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Department of the Treasury; Lawrence M. Noble, Americans for Campaign Reform, Washington, DC; Gregory L. Colvin, Adler and Colvin, San Francisco, California; and Bradley A. Smith, Center for Competitive Politics, Columbus, Ohio.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 1406–1453; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 28; and H. Res. 141–144 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 254, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric